

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 31, 2014

Present: Shawn Hassell, MS, LMFT, Richard Phelps, MSW, LICSW, Alan Goodman, Ph.D., LCMHC, Dayl H. Hufford, D.Min., LPP, Jane Power Kilcoyne, Ed.D., Public Member, Kathleen Skinner Shulman, Ed.D., public member and Honorable Joseph P. Nadeau, Public Member.

Not present: ---

Board meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

Draft minutes of the September 19, 2014 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Richard Phelps to approve the minutes as recorded.

Vote: For: SH, RP, JN, AG, JK, DH, KS

Opposed: 0

Recused: 0

I. BOARD DISCUSSION

Based on input from the public present at its meeting, the Board had a discussion to add language to Final Proposal – 2014-12 to allow for a timeframe for schools and colleges to qualify for their students to take additional credits in order to meet licensing requirements of the new rules. Ms. Lynch will check with the Division of Administrative Rules and ask if such change is permissible, and if so, ask for the language to use to make this change.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Cioffari, Annamarie, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed two letters from Dr. Cioffari: 1) concerns related to applicants missing course work required for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor and 2) concerns about the Board's proposed rules not including a timeframe in which the new rules will take effect to not penalize applicants and programs which have been following the current rules. Motion was made by Shawn Hassell and seconded by Kathleen Skinner Shulman to send a letter to Dr. Cioffari thanking her for the letters concerning changes to the current rule Mhp 302.17 and explaining the Board's mission of protecting the citizens of

New Hampshire. This protection includes assuring the qualifications of its practitioners, as well as access to their services. The letter also states the Board is checking with the Division of Administrative Rules as to what language it may add to Mhp 300 Final Proposal – Fixed Text that would allow applicants with a 48 hour program to take additional credits. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Lynott, Patricia, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Lynott regarding her concerns of the lack of a timeframe for the proposed rules. She also asked for the guidelines used by the Board when members need to recuse themselves from discussions and decisions for the purpose of avoiding conflict of interest. Motion was made by Dayl Hufford and seconded by Shawn Hassell to have Joseph Nadeau draft a response for Board review at its November 21, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. MacKay, James, Chair, Suicide Prevention Council – The Board reviewed a letter from Representative James MacKay requesting it change Mhp 402 to require licensees seeking renewal obtain three continuing education units in suicide prevention. Motion was made by Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Shawn Hassell to send a letter to Representative MacKay acknowledging his request and inform him that after the Board’s public hearing on its rules it considered this request but decided to postpone the matter until all parties interested in the contents of CEU trainings (such as alcohol and drug abuse, child and/or sexual abuse, etc.) could be heard at a future hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

III. RULES

- A. The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules will meet on November 20, 2014. Mhp 200, Mhp 300, Mhp 400 and Mhp 500 final proposals- fixed text are scheduled on the agenda. The time schedule for Board testimony will be determined by the JLCAR as it gets closer to the date of the hearing.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- A. Shawn Hassell, LMFT – The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked Shawn for his dedication and commitment to the Board for the past three years.

Upon the motion of Joseph Nadeau and seconded by Richard Phelps, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing applications, investigations of alleged misconduct of licensees, final disciplinary action and other adjudicatory decisions, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H. 574 (1978), RSA 330-A:29, V, and

the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

[Non-public minutes held separately]

Upon the motion of Joseph Nadeau and the second of Richard Phelps, the Board by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session, with the exception of approved applications, responses to motions and disciplinary actions until they are served, and CEU's for Professional Conduct Investigators from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

I. APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

- A. Approved mental health counselors: Amanda Cortese, Jennifer Gathercole, Emily Robbins, Kelley Purselley, Shiri Macri and Lisa Price.
- B. Approved clinical social workers: Joyce Bishop, Sonya Gelinas, Jette Glazer, Lindsay Herdman, Evelyn Robbennolt-Jones, Christine Rogerson, Katrin Tchana, Susan Drown, Dagmar Lamberts, Jillian Clark, Karen Frarie and Marta Neskey
- C. Approved marriage & family therapists – no applications for review this month
- D. Approved pastoral psychotherapists – no applications for review this month

II. APPROVED CANDIDATE FOR LICENSURE: SUPERVISORY AGREEMENTS

- A. Mental Health Counselors: William Campbell, Amy Jaskolka, Michelle Landry, Heather Smith, Kimberly Staples, Jessica Teixeira, Rosemary Schraeder, Rachel Canova, Dia Ballou, Diana Giard, Rebecca Whittemore, Megan Littlehale, Kimberly Anne Smith and Patricia Bolter (extension request granted).
- B. Social Workers: Emily Cook, Sarah Demichele, Christine Manns, James Niesuchouski, Rebecca Pike and Roxanna Usticke.
- C. Marriage & Family Therapists: Kellie Ferrara
- D. Pastoral Psychotherapists: no agreements for review

III. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

- A. No disciplinary actions taken by the Board this month

IV. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE

- A. The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Ann Wadsworth, LICSW, from the Professional Conduct Committee. Ms. Wadsworth served as a Board Investigator since September 2010.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – Docket No. 14-002

- A. Re: Application for LICSW – Gina Johnson, MSW – The Board issued a Decision and Order granting an independent clinical social work license to Ms. Johnson.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2014